

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/658,207	DONAGHEY ET AL.
	Examiner Le H Luu	Art Unit 2141

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to papers filed on 10/20/04 - 12/17/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-15, 17, 19, 20, 24 and 25.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.
2. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John E. Harrity on March 31, 2005.
3. Please cancel claims 1-12.
4. Delete claim 13 and substitute therefor:
 - 13. (currently amended) A method for distributing policies in a network having at least one anonymous policy server and at least one anonymous peer device, comprising:
 - requesting a policy from the anonymous policy server;
 - determining, via the anonymous policy server, whether an active version of the policy exists; [[and]]
 - transferring, when an active version of the policy is determined to exist, the active policy version from the anonymous policy server to the anonymous peer device;
 - receiving, via the anonymous peer device, a policy;
 - determining whether the received policy is the requested policy;

discarding the received policy when the received policy is not the requested policy; and

implementing the received policy when the received policy is the requested policy. --

5. Delete claim 15 and substitute therefor:

-- 15.(currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the determining whether an active version of the policy exists includes:

comparing the identifier in the policy request to a list of active policy identifiers. --

6. Please cancel claim 16.

7. Delete claim 17 and substitute therefor:

-- 17.(currently amended) A network comprising:

at least one anonymous peer device configured to:

request a policy from at least one anonymous policy server,

determine whether a received policy is of a desired policy class,

[[and]]

implement the received policy when the received policy is an active policy of the desired policy class, and

discard the received policy when the received policy is not of the requested policy class; and

at least one anonymous policy server configured to:

receive the request from the at least one anonymous peer device,

determine whether any version of the policy requested exists, and

transfer all versions of the policy to the peer device, indicating the

active version, if any version is determined to exist. --

8. Please cancel claim 18.

9. Delete claim 20 and substitute therefor:

-- 20. (currently amended) The network of claim [[18]] 17 wherein, when determining, the at least one anonymous policy server is configured to:

compare the identifier in the policy request to a list of active policy identifiers. --

10. Please cancel claims 21-23.

11. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read:

-- A SYSTEM FOR SELECTING AND DISSEMINATING ACTIVE POLICIES
TO PEER DEVICE AND DISCARDING POLICY THAT IS NOT BEING
REQUESTED --

12. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

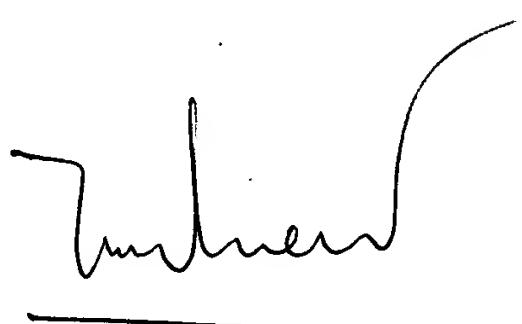
The prior art of record teaches the claimed invention substantially as discussed in the prosecution history of this application, but it fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination that a peer device discards a received policy when the received policy is not being requested by the peer device, and the peer device implements the received policy when the received policy is being requested by the peer device and matches a policy identifier in a list as set forth in independent claims 13, 17, 24, and 25. Claims 13-15, 17, 19-20, and 24-25 are allowed because of the combination of other limitations and the limitation listed above.

13. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-3884. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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